"THE HEAVENLY TWINS" IS THE HIT OF THE SEASON.

Women Excel as Story Writers - Gladstone's Ald to "Robert Elamere"-Women of Genius-Successful Men Novelists. A Comparison of Popularity.

[Special Correspondence.]
NEW YORK, March 5.—It is the experience of publishers that some one romance or work of fiction makes a hit about once in so often, the period of time sometimes being a year and sometimes as much as five years, and that not more than one does secure such commanding success within any given period. Just now the romance which is attracting widespread attention, both in this country and in Great Britain, is a work written by a woman who uses



SARAH GRAND.

the nom de plume Sarah Grand, and the story is now reaching the phenomenal fig-bres representing the sales which Mrs. Humphry Ward's first novel, "Robert Els-

A book which makes a hit creates a sensation in publishing circles quite as great as is the case with readers, and with very rare exceptions such successes come to one who before the publication of the story was unknown to the public. Not in all cases, for Mrs. Burnett had already gained a pleasant repute when with "That Lass o' Lowrie's" she secured permanent and widesprend recognition. General Lew Wallace also had a national repute when "Ben-Hur" appeared, but that was due to his achievements as an officer in the civil

Mme. Grand's story, "The Heavenly Twins," did not command much attention in this country until within the past few weeks. There had come reports from Europe that it had caused a sensation upon its appearance there, and that, like almost all the stories which had gained remarkable successes, it had passed from publisher to publisher for nearly two years before one was found who had faith in its seiling capacity, that quality being, after all, the one which gives to manuscript the favora-

ble consideration of publishers.

But since the first of the year it has en tered upon its American triumphs. Edition after edition has been struck off, and still the booksellers call for more, and this experience is a refutation of the assertions of those who claim that the time has pass ed when the English reading public can bring splendid tributes of approval to any work of fiction. Of course the odd name attracted some attention, but that does not explain the remarkable success which this story is now experiencing.

The probabilities are, however, that no novel will secure the enormous sale which followed the publication of "Robert Els-That story, the work of an English woman, owed some of its success to adventitious aid, the chance and favoring comment of Mr. Gladstone, and there are many who believe that but for that circumstance it never could have attracted the attention which it secured. Mme. Grand's story had no such happy adverement. It was published without causing any comment and for some weeks attracted no attention. Even the critics passed it by lightly, as has been the case with every story which has secured great popular approval. By and by some one who read it spoke of its fascinating story and of the delightful humor suggested by the mischief of the twins to somebody else, and thus by word of mouth favoring comment was passed along until it began to be apparent to the publishers long before the English newspapers were aware of the fact that "The Heavenly Twins" had

It is another illustration of the fact that probably the best, certainly the most pop-ular fiction for many years written in the English language has been the work of women. Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cab-," written by a woman who until the publication of that work was unknown. still ranks every other work of fiction in the English language in the number of lations into foreign languages. George Eliot, supposed to be a man until Dickens and one or two others penetrated the mystery behind her masculine nom de plume, today read more frequently in her ear-Her thap in her later works.

Miss Alcott, for many years the unknown writer of short stories for the weekly periodicals, produced by sudden inspiration and extraordinarily rapid writing the story of "Little Women," which made her fame and fortune and is sure to re-main an American classic. That Boston schoolteacher, Miss Cummins, writing at odd moments, completed a story which is road with tears and smiles to this day, and of which several hundred thousand copies have been sold-"The Lamplight-

Olive Schreiner, that young woman living a lonely life in distant Africa, wrote a story fashioned somewhat upon incidents of which she had knowledge, and long before she was aware of it, living so far away from the English speaking world, it bad gained an enormous circulation and made her famous. The Warner sisters, with "The Wide, Wide World," and Miss Evans, with "St. Elmo" and "Bealah," commanded a public which very few male writers of fiction have been able to secure in America, and it was reserved for Mrs. Ward and Mme. Grand to write and publish stories whose sales have reached in the aggregate more than 1,000,000 copies and which have commanded earnest and respectful criticism from the most accomplished critics, while gaining a popularity supposed to be impossible of attainment for any stories of more than trivial import.

Kipling, Doyle and Barry, Wallace and John Habberton, Bret Harte and Mark Twain are the only men who have written fiction in the past 25 years whose works have commanded a popularity or success which can be compared with that secured by these women of genius.

E. J. Edwards.

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Wonderful Deeds of General Frederick T Ward In China.

[Special Correspondence.]
SELKIRK, Manitoba, Feb.28.—A hotel kept here by an American named Forrester, who recently died, has been patronized by hun-dreds who never dreamed of their host's antecedents. Colonel James Forrester, for he was a colonel in the Chinese army 20 years ago, was one of the most trusted officers of that wonderful man, General Fred-erick Ward, who did as much as "Chinese" Gordon, afterward Gordon Pasha of Egyptian fame, in the early sixties to crush the Tai-Ping rebellion and save China from ut ter anarchy. After Ward's death from wound Forrester took command of the "ever victorious army," as the Chinese called Ward's force, and was finally super seded by Gordon. Forrester was a gallant officer, but was unable to fill Ward's shoes, and his death recalls Ward's striking ex-

Frederick Townsend Ward, hailing from Salem, Mass., was sallor bred and found himself stranded at Shanghai in 1860. The bold idea entered Ward's head to fight for the Chinese government as a free lance and with the help of a speculative mandarin he recruited a small corps of desperadoes and made a contract with the viceroy of the province to capture cities from the Tai-Pings at \$75,000 apiece and the proceeds of the looting. He was successful almost from the start and gradually augmented his command to a well discipline armed and dushing detachment. Though he began on much the same footing as on of the great free companion leaders of the middle ages, who were wont to sell their bands to the highest bidder, he was after the first year fully recognized by the Pe-king authorities. He captured city after city, inflicted repeated defeats on the rebels, who had up to his advent been a terrible menace to the imperial dynasty, and did more to check the Tai-Pings in two years than had before been achieved in ten.

Up to the time of Ward's springing the arens the English and French had held a neutral position as between the rebels and the imperialists, trading freely with the Tai-Pings, and even carrying on war part of the time with the Peking government. Ward's brilliant success forced the hands of the foreign powers and compelled them to co-operate with their military and naval forces in suppressing the "Heavenly King," as the Tai-Ping ruler was dubbed.



GENERAL P. T. WARD.

empire. At the time of Ward's death is 1863 from a wound received in battle from a silver bullet, for the Tai-Pings believed that the American general was enchanted and was lead and iron proof, he command ed a force of 4,000 men and had just been au thorized by the government to raise the brigade to 8,000 strb

The pomp of Ward's funeral was gorgeous beyond precedent. A temple was erected to him in Sung-Kiang, and he was canon ized as a demigod. Before his death he had been made a mandarin of the highest button, received the supreme honor of the Yellow Jacket and been appointed practically the generalissimo of the Chinese forces. After his death Colonel Forrester succeeded to the subordinate command of "the ever victorious army," but soon resigned, and subsequently Colonel Gordon found his stepping stone to greatness by taking the ership and putting the capsheaf on Ward's nearly finished work, Ward was believed in China to have ac-

cumulated a great fortune. His account were all in the hands of a well known Chi nese banker. When the family of the American, some of whom are living now applied for a settlement, the "heathen Chi about it, and not a tasel was ever recovered from Celestial clutches. The story of the Yankee sailor Ward, though but little known to his countrymen, is one of the ro-mances of the nineteenth century. Had it not been for our own war, which was raging at the time, absorbing public attention, his wonderful career would have been far more widely talked about. The English have since claimed that had Ward lived to have finally achieved his plans he would have proved a worse menace to China than the Tai-Pings themselves. But this is mere

international jealousy. the English language in the number of copies sold and also the number of translations into foreign languages. Coordinate of the correction in terms of enthusiastic praise, and in the company of his intimates he was full of the most interesting anecdotes concerning his adventures by field and flood, when the destinies of a great empire were hanging in the balance, and one heroic American was the weight that tipped the scale. E. W. DIMMERDALE.

Catalani and Goethe.

The famous Mme. Catalani was once in-vited to dinner at the court at Weimar by the Grand Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Wei-mar and had for her neighbor Goethe. On observing the great attention paid to him she asked her other neighbor who he was, and when told that be was the famous Goethe she asked if he was a musician or composer. "No," said her neigh-bor; "he is a poet. Have you never read 'Leiden des jungen Werthers!" "Why, certainly," replied Mme. Catalani, and turning to Goethe she said, "I hear that you are the author of 'Leiden des jungen Werthers.' How amusing it is! I never laughed so much in all my life as when read it." Goethe was naturally very much surprised and said, "You laughed!" "Why, yes," answered Catalani; "it was too amusing," and the great poet soor found out that she was speaking of a par ody on his masterpiece, in which all the

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An Extreme Case.

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Willie-Pa.-Arkansaw Traveler.

RICH AND SOFT VOICES.

Experiments With Colored Boys and Girls by Dr. Antonin Dvorak. Dr. Antonin Dvorak, director of the National Conservatory of Music of America, has become deeply interested in the cultivation of the Negro voice. For several months past he has conducted a class of colored boys and girls, with the object of not only teaching them the elementary principles of music, but of studying the range, the power and the possibilities of their voices. His pupils have entered enthusiastically into the spirit of the work, and if a critical listener may find fault with the technique or the art of their choruses, he could find nothing to criticise in the vim and the intelligence of their singing. When asked how he had succeeded thus far and what observations he had made, Dr. Dvorak said:

"Even the short term of tuition that we have given colored pupils entitles us to express a favorable opinion of their possibilities. In general they have rich and soft, natural voices The cultivation of their voices, how ever, has been of such a short period as compared with that of the whites that it is impossible to say accurately what we will be able to bring them to. We can only judge by their present status, that is, their natural voice and temperament, but I think we have a right to expect excellent results. It does not require voice and ear only to sing well, but a necessary requisite is the sanguine temperament and the vivid, easily affected and susceptible imagina-tion. I have not noticed these qualities so much in the voices of the white pupils as in those of the colored ones. volume their voice is superior to that of the whites, and in timbre it is equal if not superior. Colored people have certainly every requisite to make good opera singers. Their fondness of show, their vanity, love of color, and mimicry make them natural actors.'

Dr. Dvorak said that he would like to see a genuine old-fashioned colored minstrel show-not of the burnt cork variety, but genuine darkies, who, without any knowledge of musical art or stage effects, sing and dance as their forefathers did.

Mrs. Jeannette M. Thurber, the pres ident of the conservatory, said: "It is one of the most delightful things in the world to watch our colored class at The amount of enthusiasm which they throw into their singing is wonderful. If their voices turn out as Dr. Dvorak thinks they will, we may all look forward to the Negro rac taking the lead in American music I do not see why they could not be trained to opera as well as the Italian singers are. If, untrained, their voices are so excellent, what may we not expect after years of hard work and training?"-N Y Suz

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